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Featured Connections



The Science of Architecture: Bridges



Aviation and Life Sciences



The Science of Prosthetics



The Science of Soccer



Energy Interaction with Science at Sea



The Living End



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WELCOME LETTER

Who we are

Defined STEM is Defined Learning's solution for providing real world relevance to students. Defined STEM is a web-based application designed to promote effective and relevant connections between STEM classroom content and STEM career pathways. Defined STEM provides teachers a resource where they can access highly effective media content and related support materials. These resources and materials allow teachers to connect STEM career awareness to existing lessons and standards-based curriculum.



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- Provide guiding questions for the teacher and or student
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- Structure the service as a springboard to "Project Based Learning"





User Guide

ACCESSING THE APPLICATION

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The Measurement of Feeding Animals

Students will explore how measurement is used to feed animals the proper amount of food.

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[Click here](#) for pricing information.

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Direct Access

Simply enter your username and password to the fields in the login fields, then clicking “login” you will be access Defined STEM.

A screenshot of the Defined STEM login interface. The page has a light blue header with the word "Login" in a bold, dark blue font. Below the header, there are two input fields: "User Name :" and "Password :". A blue "Login" button is positioned below the password field. Below the button is a blue hyperlink that reads "Forgot Username Or Password?". At the bottom of the login section, there is a "Promo Code :" input field and a blue "GO" button. Two dark grey speech bubble callouts are present: one pointing to the "User Name" field with the text "Direct Access", and another pointing to the "Promo Code" field with the text "Promo Code".

Promo Code Access

A promo code allows you to quickly set up a unique account. If you have been provided a “Promo Code” enter the code to the “Promo Code” in the login pane and click “Go.” Next, a form will “pop-up” in your browser. After you have entered your information and agreed to the terms of service you are ready to “create user” and begin using Defined STEM.



NAVIGATION

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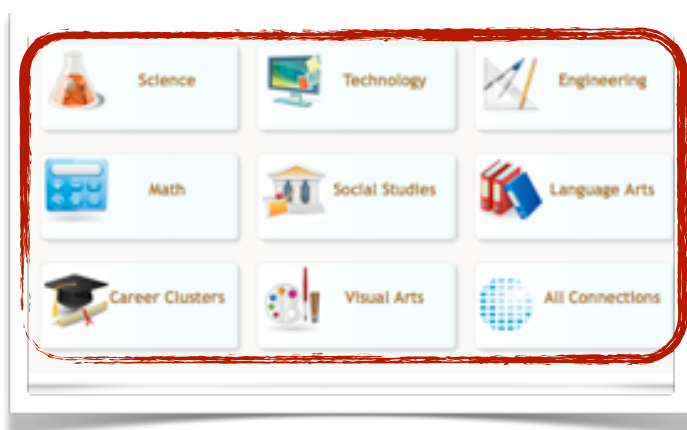
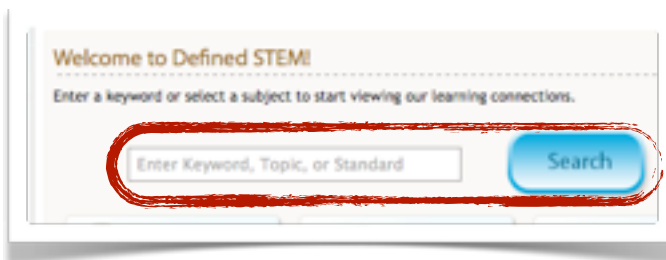
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Search

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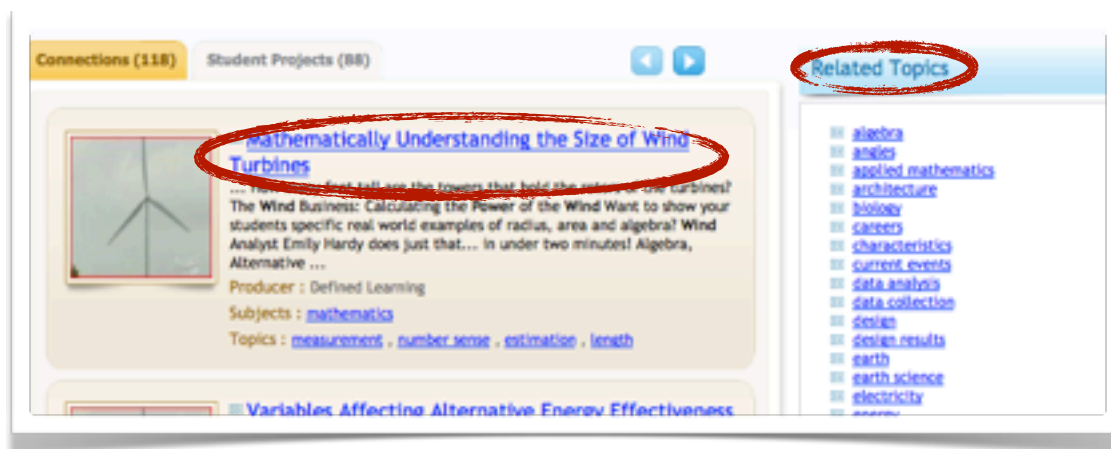


Subject Browse

To browse by subject areas, select on the corresponding box and drill down by topic area

Search Results Page

Once you have completed your search or browse you will be directed to the search results page. Here you can choose the connection that best suits your criteria by clicking on its link, or you can drill down even further by selecting one the related topics.





CONTENT

Connections

There are over 1,000 connections in Defined STEM. A connection is a self-contained unit which helps the teacher demonstrate relevance to their students through real world applications. Connections consist of:


- Career based video that show individuals in their daily routine and demonstrates the importance of math and science
- Objectives and guiding questions for the teachers to utilize
- “Performance Tasks” that create a project based environment for the classroom, where students are challenged to solve a situation using a multi-disciplinary approach.

Using Physical Science to Create Baseball Bats


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Guiding Questions :
1. What is the "sweet spot" on the bat?
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Performance Tasks :


 [Defined STEM : Baseball Bat Analysis](#)

Simulation :

 [Defined STEM : Find the Sweet Spot](#)

Video Extension :

 [The Physics of the Sweet-Spot](#)

 [Composite bats](#)


Resources :

Video : [Baseball Bat Technology](#)

Student Project: [The Best Throw](#)



Student Project: [Two-Ton Baseball](#)



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Share Video Connect Citations



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

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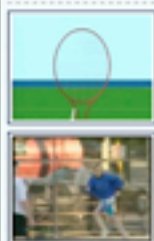
<http://stem.definedlearning.com/cor>

Career Based Videos

The career based videos demonstrate to students how science and math relate to their future careers.



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Video Extension

For each career based video, Defined STEM provides a curriculum clip to reinforce the math and science used by the professionals.

Objective & Guiding Questions

The objective and guiding questions allow teachers to easily integrate a connection into their curriculum

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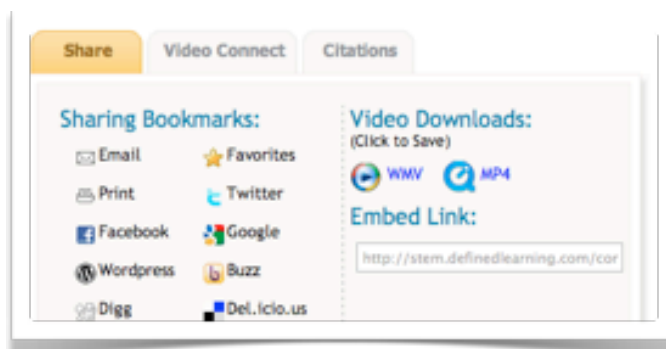
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Connection Manager

The connection manager enables the sharing of content using Web2.0 tools. Download or embed the content into your LMS, or embed into your office suite.





Performance Tasks

Our goal with “Performance Tasks” is to help the students see the relevance and the cross curricular nature of the science and math subject areas. The performance task also creates a project based environment for the classroom where the students are collaborating and presenting as a team.

Performance Task: Baseball Bat Analysis

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The role material and data analysis play in the selection of the perfect baseball bat.

Essential Questions :

- What role does data and material analysis play in choosing the right equipment?
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Overview :
This performance task will highlight critical decision making skills through the analysis of scientific and mathematical data. Students will gather information on the different variables on the types of baseball bats and decide the optimal bat for a team.

G.R.A.S.P.

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Role
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Situation
Product

Baseball Bat Technology

From the cannon room to the bat-swinging robot to the bat handle-breaking machine, the engineers at Easton Sports are testing the latest sports equipment for durability, performance and handling.

Video Downloads: [WMV](#) [MP4](#)

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Baseball Bats 2: Testing with Machines

Baseball bats are subjected to mechanical tests in the laboratory.

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Key Concepts

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GRASP Concept

The acronym GRASP stands for:

- **G**oal
- **R**ole
- **A**udience
- **S**ituation
- **P**roduct

These elements correspond to the specific elements that are to be addressed in the performance task by the student. (cont)

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Goal: the goal of the performance task

Example: The goal is to assist potential small businesses in conducting a market analysis.

Role: the role of the students as they carry out the performance task

Example: You are a consultant with an economic development corporation that has been formed by a small city in Texas.

Audience: the target audience to which the finished product/performance will be presented

Example: The target audience is composed of individuals who are/might be interested in starting a small business in your community.

A screenshot of a G.R.A.S.P. (Goal, Role, Audience, Situation, Product) form. The form has a light blue header with the text "G.R.A.S.P." and a "Print View" button. Below the header, the "Goal" section is highlighted with a red circle. The text in the Goal section reads: "Your goal is to assist a University baseball team in selecting the most optimal baseball bat for the upcoming season." At the bottom of the form, there are four red-outlined boxes labeled "Role", "Audience", "Situation", and "Product", which are currently empty.

Situation: the context

Example: Your community is not big enough to be attractive to large national business chains or franchises; however, the economic development corporation that employs you believes that small businesses could be successful in your community. The corporation also believes that small business start-ups could be encouraged by assisting prospects in conducting a market analysis in the community.

Product: the result of the performance task or activity

Example: You are responsible for designing, producing, and presenting, in an electronic format, a training session that identifies economic data sources available in the community and demonstrates how to conduct a market analysis of the community.

* "Understanding by Design" *SSCED Tool Kit, Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment* pg.10, <http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/ssc/>.



MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Operating System

- Windows
 - Windows XP (Service Pack 2 or later)
 - Windows Vista
 - Windows 7
- Macintosh
 - OS 10.3.9 or later**

Hardware

- Windows
 - 800MHz or faster Intel or AMD processor
 - At least 512MB of RAM
- Apple
 - At least 512MB of RAM
 - 867MHz+ PowerPC G4 or later PPC processor
 - 1.67GHz+ Intel-based Macintosh

Content

- Audio capabilities with either internal or external speaker configuration
- Monitor resolution of 1024x768 or higher
- Windows Media Player 9.1 or later
- Flash Player 9.1 or later
- Quicktime 7.1.3 or later
- Adobe Reader

Browsers

- Google Chrome 2.0+***
- Microsoft Internet Explorer 7.0+***
- Mozilla Firefox 2.0+
- Safari 3.0+

Additional

- Microsoft Word
- Apple Pages

* As with all browser/online based applications it is recommended to have the latest players and hardware, but we know that this is often always possible; however based on manufacturer/developer documentation and testing the above requirements support

** required for mp4 support

*** not supported in Apple Macintosh environments



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